BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2005-351-C - ORDER NO. 2006-260

APRIL 24, 2006

IN RE:	Application of AmeriVon, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Resold Interexchange Telecommunications Services and for	,	EXTENSION TO FILE SURETY BOND
	Approval of its Initial Tariff.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of AmeriVon, LLC (AmeriVon or the Company) to extend the date for filing the Company's surety bond with the Commission. On October 28, 2005, AmeriVon filed an Application with the Commission seeking authority to provide resold interexchange telecommunications services in South Carolina. The Commission approved AmeriVon's Application to provide telecommunications services in South Carolina and accordingly on March 13, 2006, issued Order No. 2006-162, "Order Granting Certificate and Requiring Bond."

In Order No. 2006-162, the Commission states, "We conclude that the Company should post a \$5,000 bond for the protection of the public, prior to offering the services proposed." The Commission sets forth, ... "the nature of the service proposed by AmeriVon is such that, for the most part, a customer must pay for services before the services are rendered, much like the case of the pre-paid debit cards authorized in Order

No. 93-600." ¹ In Order No. 2006-162, the Commission requires as a condition to the granting of a Certificate to AmeriVon that AmeriVon "...post a bond with the Commission by delivering to the Commission either Certificates of Deposit or a surety bond in the amount of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars..."

Through letter filed by AmeriVon's regulatory counsel on March 31, 2006, AmeriVon seeks approval of an extension to July 11, 2006, to file the Company's surety bond with the Commission. AmeriVon asserts that the Company will not offer services in South Carolina prior to such surety bond being submitted to the Commission. The Office of Regulatory Staff's Telecommunications Manager advises in letter filed on April 7, 2006, that the Office of Regulatory Staff has no objection to the requested extension.

We have examined this matter, and have concluded that AmeriVon's request for an extension of time should be granted as filed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the request of AmeriVon, LLC for an extension of time to July 11, 2006, to file with the Commission the Company's surety bond as required by Order No. 2006-162 is hereby granted.

This Commission has historically required a \$5,000 bond for non-facilities based companies offering prepaid telephone debit cards for sale. See Order No. 93-600, in Docket No. 93-114-C, dated July 6, 1993, Application of World Telecom Group, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate as a Reseller of Intrastate Telecommunications Services Within the State of South Carolina.

2. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of this Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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